

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the fourth paragraph in page 10 as follows:

The "download_application_code" downloads the correct application software to second memory 170 as needed. For example, if the application software 170 does not exist in second memory 170, or is obsolete, or is corrupted, then the "download_application_code" routine downloads the appropriate application software to second memory 170.

Please amend the paragraphs starting from page 10, line 24 though page 11, line 8 as follows:

Application software 170 controls and communicates with equipment sensors 130. In accordance with techniques of the invention, each version of application software 170 matches a corresponding version of equipment sensors 130. Accordingly, if a version of application software 170 does not match the corresponding version of equipment sensors 130, then appropriate software will be loaded. In one aspect, host computer 110 loads the correct application software during initialization of common platform 120.

In one embodiment, application software is stored in second memory 170. Application Software 170 enables common platform 120 with appropriate equipment sensors 130 to accomplish a particular task. Application software 170 also interfaces with the software of host computer 110 to facilitate that task. Exemplary tasks of equipment sensors 130 include automotive service tasks such as wheel alignment, balancing, emissions control, and diagnostics.

Please amend page 12, last paragraph as follows:

In another aspect, all application software starts by enumerating the system, as shown in step 309. In the aspect that an USB is used with a PC, enumerating the system causes host computer 110 to execute the "get_device_description" command and the "get_device_configuration" command. These commands provide the vendor and product identifications that are required by host computer 110 to load the correct driver for application software 170. In accordance with the inventive technique, this process to load the correct driver is all automatic and transparent to the user using system 100.